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## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY (With Foreign Priority Claim)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled:

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|  | in the spec  | ification filed    |                       | as U.S. Application | on       |    |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Serial No.   |                    | , and as              | amended             |          |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| X  | in the spec  | ification filed as | PCT application NoF   | PCT/EP2003/013      | 063      | _  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |              |                    | d as amended under Po |                     |          |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as filed and as amended by any amendment referred to above.  |              |                    |                       |                     |          |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).  |              |                    |                       |                     |          |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign applications(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below, as indicated. I have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate and any PCT application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed, and which is material to the examination of this application. |              |                    |                       |                     |          |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prior Foreign  | Application  | ns(s):             |                       |                     | Priority |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Claimed<br><u>Number</u>   |              | Country            | Day/Month/Year Filed  | _                   | Yes /    | No |  |  |  |  |  |
| 102 55 576.1   |              | Germany            | 28 November 2002      |                     | Yes      |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| PCT/EP2003   | 3/013063     | PC                 | 21 November 2003      |                     | Yes      |    |  |  |  |  |  |
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which applications are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under '1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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